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SUBJECT: CROATIA LIKELY TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDACY FOR HRC

REF: A. SECSTATE 31175

[1](#)B. SECSTATE 36629

[1](#)1. This is an Action Request - see para 3.

[1](#)2. Poloff delivered reftel demarches on April 14 to Vesna Vukovic, head of the MFA's UN office. She expressed her appreciation for receiving the material, including the diplomatic note. She stated that Croatia is inclined to support our candidacy for the HRC, but that Croatia itself, would likely be a candidate next year (2010) for the HRC and would like to know if Croatia can count on our support for its candidacy next year. She did not expressly link the two issues, but Croatia would like to know our response before the MFA makes its final decision regarding our candidacy.

[1](#)3. ACTION REQUEST: Post would appreciate any guidance IO or DRL can provide on how to reply regarding Croatia's 2010 candidacy for the HRC.  
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